



Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation
TDEC Environmental Scientist 2*
Division of Solid Waste Management, Memphis Environmental Field Office
Annual Salary Range: \$42,396 - \$67,860

About the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC)

The Department exists to enhance the quality of life for citizens of Tennessee and to be stewards of our natural environment by:

- Protecting and promoting human health and safety.
- Protecting and improving the quality of Tennessee's land, air, and water.
- Conserving and promoting natural, cultural and historic resources.
- Providing a variety of quality outdoor recreational experiences.

TDEC has approximately 2,900 employees working across Tennessee supported by a total budget of more than \$300 million with funding from fees for services, state parks revenue, federal sources, and the state general fund. TDEC is the chief environmental and natural resource regulatory agency in Tennessee with delegated responsibility from the U.S. EPA to regulate sources of air pollution, radiological health issues, solid and hazardous waste, underground storage tanks, water pollution, water supply, and groundwater pollution. TDEC has a central office in Nashville and eight (8) regional offices across the state serving as the primary point of contact for their respective regions.

About the Division of Solid Waste Management

The Division of Solid Waste Management (DSWM) is responsible for protecting the health and environmental quality for all Tennesseans through responsive and effective oversight of waste management activities. Division activities are land-based, regulating both solid waste and hazardous waste through specialized programs and functions. These include landfill permits, hazardous waste permits, state remediation program, used oil management, lead-based paint abatement, special waste, universal waste, and annual waste reporting.

Summary of Position

This Preferred Service position is located in the Division Memphis Environmental Field Office in Bartlett, TN. The selected candidate will work within the Division of Solid Waste Management as a Hazardous Waste facility inspector.

Principal Duties and Responsibilities

- Performs environmental investigations, remediation, and/or monitoring work of hazardous waste permitted facilities, including sampling and evaluation of pollutants to determine compliance with environmental or other standards.
- Performs inspections and/or investigations to determine compliance with laws, regulations, or standards.

- Determines validity and severity of violation(s) and if an enforcement action is warranted.
- Completes inspection reports of the facilities and enter the information into departmental/divisional databases.
- Provides clear and accurate information regarding regulatory evaluations to be submitted for Enforcement Action Requests.
- Participates in Show Cause Meetings and public hearings.

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities

The successful candidate will have a demonstrated ability to function as regulatory inspector and will have some knowledge of the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation, Division of Solid Waste Management Regulations.

- Results oriented individual with a commitment to the mission of the Department.
- Has excellent written communication and is able to communicate accurately details of inspections and investigations.
- Has an understanding of the sciences including but not limited to chemistry and geology.
- Possesses general knowledge and utilizes computer software including but not limited to: databases, word processing, spreadsheets, email, etc.
- Is dedicated to meet the expectations and requirements of internal and external customers. Establishes and maintains effective relationships with customers and gains their trust and respect.
- Demonstrates high integrity and good judgment.

Education / Experience:

Graduation from an accredited college or university with a bachelor's degree in environmental science, physical sciences (e.g. physics, chemistry, geology, meteorology), ecology, sustainability or applied science in sustainability, life sciences (e.g. biology, microbiology, health physics or biophysics), environmental health, pre-medicine, engineering or other acceptable science or natural resource related field and one year of full-time professional environmental program, natural resource conservation work or full-time professional work that involved ensuring compliance with radiation safety standards and/or regulations.

Substitution of Education for Experience: Graduate coursework in environmental science, biology, chemistry, geology, engineering, physics, ecology, sustainability, applied science in sustainability, or other acceptable science or natural resource related field may be substituted for the required experience, on a year-for-year basis, to a maximum of one year (24 semester hours or 36 quarter hours is equivalent to one year).

OR

One year of fulltime professional environmental, sustainability, or natural resource conservation program work with the State of Tennessee.

All interested candidates should submit applications via the Tennessee Department of Human Resources website at <http://www.tn.gov/hr> and search under Job Seekers, Preferred Services Job Opportunities, for the position with the title: [TDEC-ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST 2*-](#) 062817-161011. The position will remain posted until July 18, 2017.